

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMIN. VARIANCE	*	BEFORE THE
(12227 Cleghorn Road)		
8 th Election District	*	OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
3 rd Council District		
The Keith B. Sullivan Revocable Trust	*	HEARINGS FOR
Petitioner		
	*	BALTIMORE COUNTY
	*	CASE NO. 2017-0102-A

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OPINION AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for Baltimore County for consideration of a Petition for Administrative Variance filed by the legal owner of the property, The Keith B. Sullivan Revocable Trust (“Petitioner”). The Petitioner is requesting Variance relief pursuant to §§ 400.1 and 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (“B.C.Z.R) as follows: (1) To permit a proposed 2-story detached garage with a height of 25 ft., a one-story detached pool house with a height of 25 ft. and a one-story pergola/pool equipment storage structure with a height of 20 ft. in lieu of the maximum allowed height of 15 ft., and (2) To permit the proposed detached garage and the pergola structures to be located in the side yard in lieu of the required in the rear yard, respectively. The subject property and requested relief is more fully depicted on the site plan that was marked and accepted into evidence as Petitioner’s Exhibit 1.

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) comments were received and are made part of the record of this case. There were no adverse ZAC comments received from any of the County reviewing agencies.

The Petitioner having filed a Petition for Administrative Variance and the subject property having been posted on October 23, 2016, and there being no request for a public hearing, a decision shall be rendered based upon the documentation presented.

The Petitioner has filed the supporting affidavits as required by § 32-3-303 of the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.). Based upon the information available, there is no evidence in the file to indicate that the requested variance would adversely affect the health, safety or general welfare of the public and should therefore be granted. In the opinion of the Administrative Law Judge, the information, photographs, and affidavits submitted provide sufficient facts that comply with the requirements of § 307.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Furthermore, strict compliance with the B.C.Z.R. would result in practical difficulty and/or unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioner.

Although the Department of Planning did not make any recommendations related to the accessory structures (2-story detached garage, one-story detached pool house, and one-story pergola/pool equipment storage) height and usage, I will impose conditions that they shall not be converted into a dwelling unit or apartment, not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, and kitchen or bathroom facilities.

Pursuant to the posting of the property and the provisions of both the Baltimore County Code and the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and for the reasons given above, the requested variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, this **14th** day of **November, 2016** by the Administrative Law Judge for Baltimore County, that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from §§ 400.1 and 400.3 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (“B.C.Z.R) as follows:
(1) To permit a proposed 2-story detached garage with a height of 25 ft., a one-story detached

pool house with a height of 25 ft. and a one-story pergola/pool equipment storage structure with a height of 20 ft. in lieu of the maximum allowed height of 15 ft., and (2) To permit the proposed detached garage and the pergola structures to be located in the side yard in lieu of the required in the rear yard, respectively, be and is hereby GRANTED.

The relief granted herein shall be subject to the following:

1. Petitioner may apply for necessary permits and/or licenses upon receipt of this Order. However, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at its own risk until 30 days from the date hereof, during which time an appeal can be filed by any party. If for whatever reason this Order is reversed, Petitioner would be required to return the subject property to its original condition.
2. Petitioner or subsequent owners shall not convert the accessory structures (2-story detached garage, one-story detached pool house, and one-story pergola/pool equipment storage) into a dwelling unit or apartment. The accessory structures (2-story detached garage, one-story detached pool house, and the one-story pergola/pool equipment storage) shall not contain any sleeping quarters, living area, and kitchen or bathroom facilities.
3. The accessory structures (2-story detached garage, one-story detached pool house, and one-story pergola/pool equipment storage) shall not be used for commercial purposes.

Any appeal of this decision must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

Signed
JOHN E. BEVERUNGEN
Administrative Law Judge for
Baltimore County

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